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# The final bow

The King of Pop, Michael Jackson, dead at 50

**Michael Jackson, the child star turned King of Pop who set the world dancing, but whose musical genius was overshadowed by a bizarre lifestyle and sex scandals, died Thursday. He was 50.**

Jackson was pronounced dead at 2:26 p.m. local time after arriving at a Los Angeles hospital in full cardiac arrest, said Fred Corral of the Los Angeles County Coroner's office. The cause of death was not known and an autopsy would likely take place Friday, he said.

Jackson was taken ill at home and his personal physician tried to resuscitate him but could not, his brother Jermaine told reporters. Jackson was taken by paramedics to the hospital, where doctors worked for more than an hour to try to revive him before pronouncing him dead, the brother said.

Known as the "King of Pop," for hits that included Thriller and Billie Jean, Jackson's dramatic, one-gloved stage presence and innovative dance moves were imitated by legions of fans around the world.

His lifetime record sales tally was believed to be around 750 million, and with his 13 Grammy Awards and boundary-breaking music videos he was one of the most successful entertainers of all time.

But Jackson's belief that "I am Peter Pan in my heart,"

his preference for the company of children, his friendship with a chimp, his high-pitched voice and numerous plastic surgeries also earned him critics and the nickname "Wacko Jacko."

Jackson led a

reclusive life after his acquittal in 2005 on charges of child molestation, the second time he had faced ultimately unproved allegations of abuse of young boys.

"For Michael to be taken away from us so suddenly at such a young age, I just don't have the words. I've

lost my little brother today, and part of my soul has gone with him," Quincy Jones, who helped arrange the music on the album

Thriller and produced the Off the Wall album, told MSNBC.

Jackson had been due to start a comeback series of concerts in London from July 13 until March 2010, and had been rehearsing in the Los Angeles area for the past two months. The shows for the 50 London concerts sold out within minutes of going on sale in March.

He was a "true musical icon whose identifiable voice, innovative dance moves, stunning musical versatility, and sheer star power carried him from childhood to worldwide acclaim," said Neil Portnow, president of The Recording Academy in a statement.

About 200 fans and reporters gathered outside the L.A. hospital. Some fans cried and hugged each other.

"I hope he's gone to God, and I hope that he's free of all the troubles he's been plagued with," Tonya Blazer, 50, who said she had been a fan going back more than four decades.

Dozens of fans gathered near Jackson's modest boyhood home in Gary, Ind., to pay their respects to the entertainer who left the city long ago. Some deposited flowers or toys and others blared his hit songs from their car stereos. Gary Mayor Rudy Clay called Jackson the "world's greatest entertainer" and said he had made the city proud.

In New York, fans gathered at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, singing Jackson hits and dancing in celebratory tribute.

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**"Michael Jackson showed me that you can actually see the beat."** - Diddy

**"I am greatly saddened ... Especially for his children."** - Demi Moore

**"I truly hope he is memorialized as the '83 moonwalking, MTV owning, invincible Michael Jackson."** John Mayer

**"Michael Jackson was my inspiration. Love and blessings."** - Miley Cyrus

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**Career Timeline**

- 1968: The Jackson 5 signs with Motown Records
- 1970: They become first group to have their first four singles hit No. 1
- 1972: First solo album
- 1982: Releases Thriller — which becomes best-selling album of all time
- 1994: Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley are married
- 2001: Invincible album debuts at No. 1
- 2003 He is booked on suspicion of child molestation
- 2005: Found not guilty in child-molestation trial
- 2009: Tickets for Jackson's 50 London concerts sell out within hours.

For up-to-date coverage on his death, visit: [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

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# Local



## Comics exhibit honours writer

Happy Harbor Comics is officially naming next month's comic book exhibit "The Gilbert Bouchard Memorial Art Show — Visions of Comics." Gilbert was someone very passionate about comics and took many an opportunity to promote the medium through his work as a freelance writer and CBC reviewer. The opening night will be Friday, July 17, and the event is slated to run for two weeks.

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## Seeking the lesson of why teachers quit

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**Studies from around the world point to a retention crisis for young teachers and one U of A professor wants to investigate how to turn this drain into a gain.**

Every year hundreds of education graduates enter into the classroom in Alberta with a passion to share their knowledge.

But within a span of three to four years, about 40 per cent of these new teachers desert the profession, said University of Alberta Professor Jean Clandinin, who specializes in teacher education and development, citing a provincial study.

**"It's very serious for economic reasons."**

Prof. Jean Clandinin

"This is costly," Clandinin told Metro on Thursday. "These are career teachers. I think it's very serious for economic reasons."

For Clandinin, the first step in reversing this ominous trend is to find out from the ex-teachers, hear their stories and understand how their career goal changed so dramatically.

By speaking to them (and she said she's heard from some of them already) Clandinin hopes that those that come forward would help others adapt and thrive in their chosen profession.

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She said there's a "precipitous rise" in new teachers leaving not just in Alberta but across Canada, Australia and the United States.

Clandinin said quantitative studies conducted in the U.S.A. indicate that most new educators check off salary, working condition, and lack of professional development as some of the top reasons they abandon teaching.

However, Clandinin said it's "dangerous" to assume that that's the case here in Alberta and disagreed with labelling the desertions "a weeding out of bad teachers."

"If they choose to leave, then our schools are losing out," said Clandinin.



Robert Munua, 8, enjoys one of the new classrooms at the renovated Muttart Conservatory Thursday.

## Muttart Conservatory is reopening its doors

**REVAMPED** After more than a year of revamping one of Edmonton's most photographed and eye-catching landmarks, the Muttart Conservatory will reopen its doors to the public this Saturday.

In addition to new plant life and new outdoor

courtyard, the Conservatory has now taken the educational experience to a new level with more classrooms for students of all ages.

"Edmontonians voiced their desire to see changes at the Muttart that would increase its capacity to

provide educational experiences," said Judith Rohovie, director of the Muttart Conservatory.

Each pyramid received a facelift and one has been jazzed up with a new theme.

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## Cardinal seeks to run for NDP in Edmonton-Centre

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for Metro Edmonton



**CANDIDACY** For anyone seeking to be anointed into New Democrat knight-hood, Grant Notley Park is a fitting place to start.

The venue, named after late NDP party stalwart Grant Notley was where Edmonton human rights leader, community advocate and communications consultant-turned-politician Lewis Cardinal announced his candidacy for NDP nomination in the federal riding of Edmonton-Centre on Thursday.

Flanked by local NDP MPs Linda Duncan and Rachel Notley, Cardinal made his pitch in front of several supporters and reporters, sounding like U.S. President Barack Obama during his presidential campaign.

"This is not going to be easy," Cardinal said.

"By selecting Edmonton-Centre, I am well aware of the opposition and the challenges that we'll face," he said.

But by stepping forward, he said he was bringing "a voice of concern, a voice of firmness that will address again our social contract



**"By selecting Edmonton-Centre, I am well aware of the opposition and challenges that we'll face."**

Lewis Cardinal

with the rest of Canada and within our own community."

Cardinal, a U of A alum who is originally from Wood Cree, Alta., is a recipient of the Alberta Centennial Medal for his work in the areas of human rights and diversity and holds numerous community board positions.

With the economy

floundering, he said, the first casualties are the workers, the immigrants and the single moms and promised to impress on the federal government their obligation to provide affordable housing once elected.

Cardinal said he chose NDP because it "represents for me values and principles across the board."

## News in brief

**GRANDE PRAIRIE** Two people are facing charges in connection with the discovery of human remains found in Grande Prairie last weekend. A 21-year-old Grande Prairie man and a 14-year-old Grande Prairie girl are each facing one charge of offering an indignity to a body. The male is also facing three charges of breach of recognition. The remains were discovered in a wooded area at the end of Range Road 61 near Grande Prairie. An autopsy was conducted on the body earlier this week, but positive identification has yet to be confirmed by the Medical Examiner's Office.

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# Canada



## Man charged in moose crash

RCMP in Sussex, N.B., have charged a man in connection with a car-moose collision that seriously injured a 32-year-old woman. CBC News Online reports. The woman remains in the intensive care unit at a hospital in Moncton. Police initially believed the woman was driving alone when the crash happened last week in Mechanic Settlement in Kings County. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Court denies Pickton's appeal

JEFF HODSON  
Metro Canada

**LAW AND ORDER** Serial killer Robert Pickton will not have a new trial, the B.C.'s Court of Appeal ruled Thursday with a 2-1 decision dismissing his appeal of six second-degree murder convictions.

Because the decision was split, Pickton — who received a life sentence in 2007 without the eligibility of parole for 25 years — can automatically appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, the country's highest court.



Susie Kinshella is comforted by friends as she wipes away tears after the B.C. Court of Appeal rejected Robert Pickton's appeal of six counts of second-degree murder in Vancouver yesterday. Kinshella is the sister of Wendy Crawford, a victim.

### News in brief

**POLL** The Conservatives have regained the lead in public support after a showdown that put the opposition Liberal party on the defensive, according to a new poll. **REUTERS**

**ACCESS** Canada's outgoing information watchdog is threatening to seize documents from the Privy Council Office after complaints that the bureaucratic wing of the Prime

Minister's Office is stonewalling some access-to-information requests. The information commissioner served formal notice this week. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Province moving to keep oil supply flowing

Adjusts royalty system, extends incentive programs

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES  
Metro Canada

**Struggling oil-based Albertans may be able to keep their heads above water, as the provincial government has again adjusted the royalty system to keep black gold flowing.**

"There is necessity in times like this, when the economy is facing the circumstances that it is facing and commodity prices have been extremely volatile," Energy Minister Mel Knight said Thursday.

An extension of two energy incentive programs will pump a monetary

### Is it enough?

Peter Howard, vice-president of the Canadian Energy Research Institute in Calgary said while the government's royalty extension is a good thing, it might not be enough to keep companies drilling in the province. "I think in simple

terms it's going to help things a little bit, but in complex terms I don't think it offers enough stability for the long-term," Howard said. "I think it will help but I don't think it's going to be a dramatic turnaround."

transfusion through the province's lifeblood, currently diluted by the global economic slowdown.

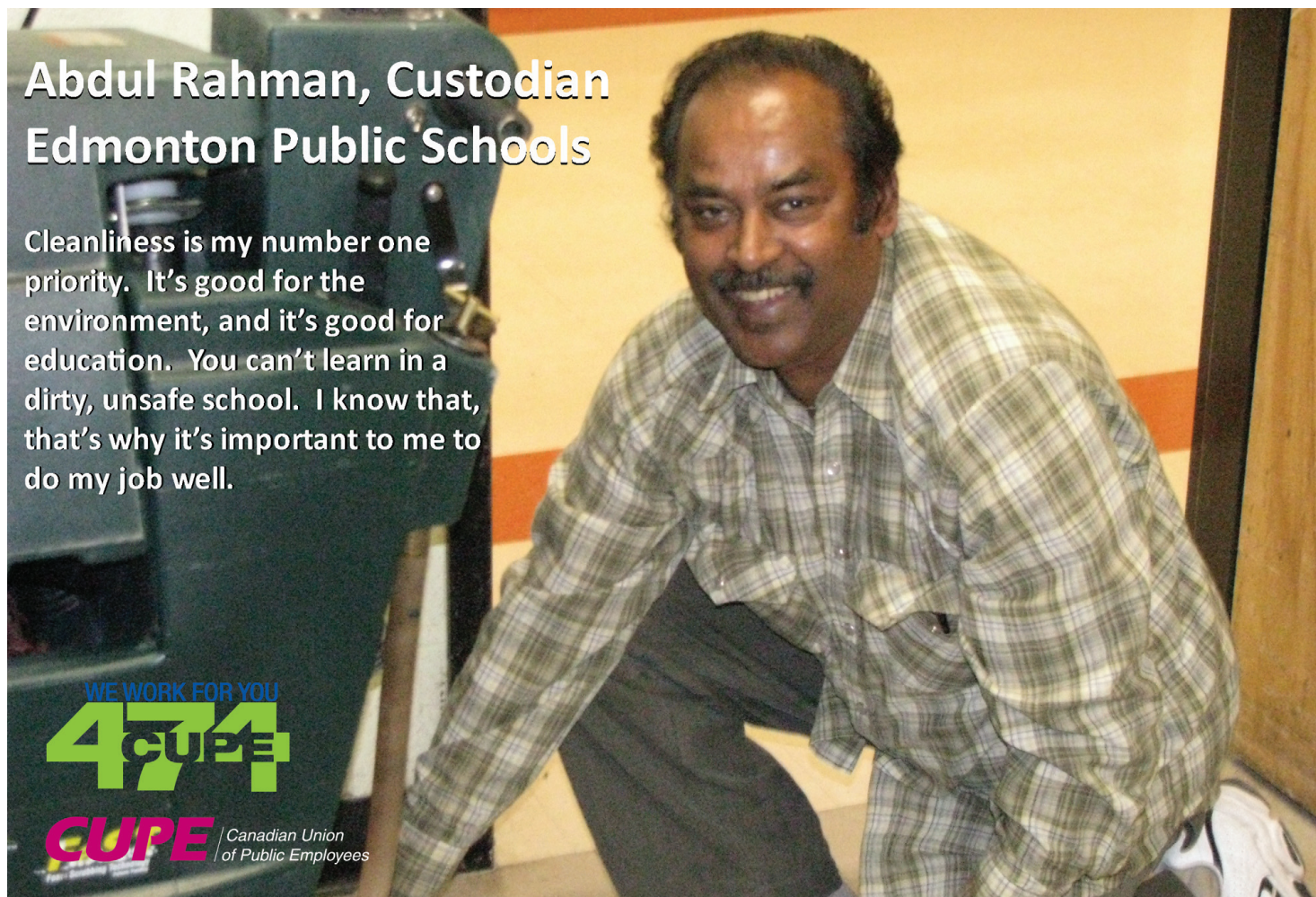
The boom for Canada's cash cow is over. Recession for the current budget year and the next are the reality facing Alberta, the result of low resource revenues.

A royalty credit will continue to provide \$200 per metre drilled for qualifying wells, and a new well incentive program will offer a royalty rate up to five per cent for first-year production. Both programs were set to expire in 2010.

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**Strung-out wallabies running circles**

The mystery of crop circles in poppy fields in Tasmania has been solved — stoned wallabies are eating the poppy heads and hopping around in circles. **REUTERS**

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# World

## Controversy and eccentricity

Jackson likely to be remembered for both

**Michael Jackson saw his musical versatility and head-turning dance moves propel him from child prodigy to solo superstar before child sex abuse scandals tarnished his reputation and his career.**

News of Jackson's death broke as the 50-year-old singer was poised for a comeback with a string of 50 concerts scheduled to start in London July 13.

They were to be his first concert series for 12 years and were expected to earn Jackson more than \$400 million according to concert promoters AEG Live. Jackson's fame reached a climax in 1982 with the iconic album and music video *Thriller*.

He sold an estimated 750 million records and won 13 Grammys throughout a career that spanned four decades.

But the moon-walking, sequin-gloved performer was beset by eccentricities that in 2008 had turned him into a virtual recluse with a mountain of financial woes. Concerns about his health had been rampant during his 2005 trial in California on charges of child sex abuse — at which



Pop star Michael Jackson poses after receiving the Legend Award at the MTV Video Music Awards Japan 2006.

he was acquitted — and in 2008 when he was photographed in Las Vegas in a wheelchair for reasons that were never explained.

Jackson was credited as the first black entertainer to gain a strong crossover following on music channel MTV.

But Jackson's belief that "I am Peter Pan in my heart," his preference for the company of children, his friendship with a

chimp called Bubbles, his high-pitched voice and numerous plastic surgeries earned him the name "Wacko Jacko."

After two, ultimately unproved, allegations in 1993 and 2003 of sexually abusing young boys during sleepovers at his Neverland Ranch in California, Jackson never recovered the exuberance and musical creativity that marked his youth.

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### Ahmadinejad scolds Obama

**IRAN** Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad accused U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday of behaving like his predecessor towards Iran and said there was not much point in talking to Washington unless the U.S. president apologized. Obama said on Tuesday he was "appalled and outraged" by a post-election crackdown.

"Mr. Obama made a mistake to say those things ... our question is why he fell into this trap and said things that previously (former president George W.) Bush used to say," the semi-official Fars News Agency quoted Ahmadinejad as saying.

REUTERS

### Alcohol kills half of Russians in prime: Study

**RUSSIA** Cheap and illicit alcohol kills more than half Russian men and women in their most productive years and the government must act urgently to reverse the trend, a study says.

"Excessive alcohol consumption in Russia, particularly by men, has in several recent years caused more than half of all the deaths at ages of 15-54 years," the article said. The research said "excess mortality from liver cancer, throat cancer, liver disease, and pancreatic disease is largely or wholly because alcohol caused the disease that caused death."

Russia's mortality rate in

# 30,000

Alcohol poisoning deaths in Russia each year.

people aged 15-54 years was more than five times higher for men and three times higher for women than in Western Europe, the study showed.

A UN report said in April that poor diet, leading to heart disease, heavy drinking and the high incidence of violent deaths may cut Russia's present population of some 142 million to around 131 million by 2025.

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## Comment

### 'Rights' vs. 'Rites' the wrong battle



Rabbi  
Irwin Kula  
Guest Columnist

During every cultural war, people of this country use religion to legitimize and re-affirm their pre-existing political, moral and psychological agendas.

Such is the case with gay marriage. Conservatives and liberals — the "rites" vs. "rights" groups — each cite various religious texts

and values to support their own views.

Each side sincerely believes that by legitimizing their views with religious sources, they wield the ultimate trump card. However, this tactic merely renders religion irrelevant and ensures it does not contribute desperately needed wisdom to the public conversation.

Neither side of this debate has been true to their professed values.

The "rites people" do not really care about the sanctity of marriage and the un-



conditional love and commitment to family values that such rites express and witness.

They are "freaked out" by the love shared by two people of the same gender, so they offer a hysterical, angry view that gay marriages will somehow undermine heterosexual marriages and family values.

If the "rites people" real-

ly believed society was better off when people committed to stay together, they would celebrate that more people in this country want to be in binding monogamous relationships. On the other hand, the "rights people" are equally hypocritical.

Rather than worry about the label of marriage, which evokes fiery opposition, the "rights people" should concentrate on ensuring that every single legal right straight married couples share is mandated for similarly committed

gay couples.

But as much as they care about rights, they are really "freaked out" by not having the affirmation of those who oppose them.

They believe this affirmation will come with obtaining the legal right to call their relationship "marriage."

Instead of fixating on the rhetorical victory of the "marriage" label, they should focus on emptying the label of its content. Progress on human rights is always too fast for some and too slow for others.

Ultimately, equality comes not simply by fighting against each other, but from living together as family and friends and inevitably realizing that our differences are merely the mystery of life unfolding in all its variety.

This movement is unstoppable, and paradoxically the rights and rites that now divide us will, in the end, bind us as a nation.

Rabbi Irwin Kula is the author of *Yearnings: Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life*. He is currently the president of The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York City

## Views

### Mining Edmonton for its infinite ideas

#### UrbanCompass

Terence  
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When you write a column like this, you never run out of things to comment on for two main reasons. The first is that this city is a veritable treasure trove of both positive and negative things to comment on. The other reason is the readers. From time to time, someone mentions something that either piques my in-

terest or is too deliciously quirky to ignore. Recently someone told me I should write about the parking charges for the meters in front of the Royal Alexandra hospital. I had certainly seen the meters any number of times, but had never had the occasion to use them. The issue became clear as soon as I looked at the message on the meters. For some reason, parking charges are in effect until 9 p.m. This certainly struck me as odd. As far as I can tell, all other meters in the city are only in effect until 6 p.m. What this extended time is meant to achieve is any-

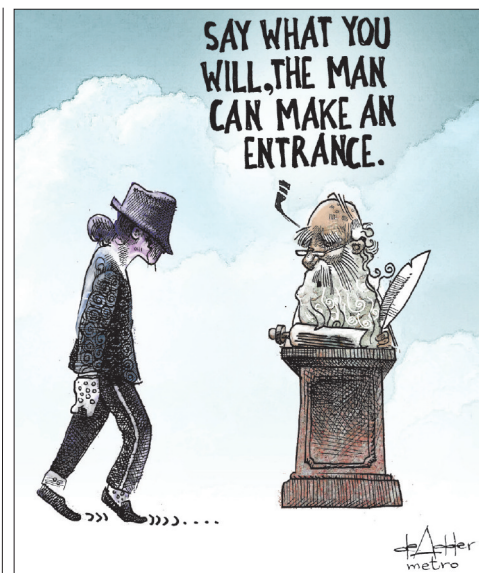
body's guess. Maybe it's meant to keep staff from parking there. Maybe there are hordes of people who desperately want to park there after six and who would take up all the spaces. Maybe, but I would think that the major result is inconveniencing people who are already stressed out by needing to visit someone in the hospital. A little sensitivity might be in order here.

On the quirky side, someone pointed out that a shopping area in the downtown is using heads of the Buddha as decorations in their store displays. They asked me if I

thought the stores would use crucifixes, the Qur'an or the Star of David in the same way. Good question. Though the display designer might have seen the image of Buddha as a decorative piece, I suspect there are probably a least a billion people on the planet who would be offended by seeing a religious symbol used in that way. What on Earth was the designer thinking?

As I said, in this city the ideas for potential comments are endless.

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Because bonuses were based on "production," or

fees earned on client assets, the bonus distribution "disproportionately disadvantages women and advantages white men as favoured employees," the complaint said.

Retention bonuses are often awarded to brokers at companies being acquired to keep them from defecting, and top producers can reach seven figures. Bank of America has said it has about 15,800 brokers, most of whom came from Merrill. **REUTERS**

Bell, Telus may offer iPhone as early as this fall

**MOBILE** Wireless subscribers at Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp. who have been yearning for an iPhone may not have to wait much longer.

Sources say the two former phone monopolies will roll out a joint \$1-billion upgrade of their wireless networks as early as this fall that will allow them to support a range of GSM-based devices including Apple Inc.'s iconic iPhone, so far only available in Canada through Rogers Communications Inc.

Unlike other handset vendors, Apple has played hardball with service providers by dictating everything from the way new iPhone accounts can be activated to the device's \$199 price tag (16GB 3GS model). **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES**

### Business in brief

**FILM** U.K. movie studio Pine-wood Shepperton says it hopes to get the Toronto movie industry moving again by using their internationally known brand to funnel movies into

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# Sports



## Cav-a-Shaq

Two of the NBA's biggest stars are now teammates. The Cleveland Cavaliers completed a blockbuster trade Thursday, bringing superstar centre Shaquille O'Neal, left, from the Phoenix Suns to join current MVP LeBron James. The Cavs are sending centre Ben Wallace and swingman Sasha Pavlovic to the Suns, along with a second-round pick in the 2010 draft and cash. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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### Eskimos cut 10 players from roster

**CFL** The Edmonton Eskimos have released 10 players, the club announced on its website Thursday as the team prepares for next week's home opener. Defensive end Jim Davis, defensive back Sammy Okpro and wide receiver Dante Luciani have been released, along with rookie defensive back Therrian Fontenot, defensive back EJ Underwood, offensive lineman Gerald Davis, running back Ciatrick Fason, quarterback Lester Ricard, wide receiver Alan Turner and linebacker Andrea Bonaventura.

"The 2009 Edmonton Eskimos combine a healthy balance of youth and CFL experience," Eskimo General Manager and Director of Football Operations Danny Maciocia said in a release. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Canada's all-star coaching staff

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**Hockey has been described as a game of inches, but Mike Babcock is looking at it as a game of 200 feet.**

Officially unveiled yesterday as head coach of the Canadian men's hockey team for 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, Babcock discussed his blueprint for the team — one that is committed without the puck and plays the full length of the rink.

In other words, don't expect to see many one-dimensional players on the list when Babcock and his staff unveil the 44-man summer selection camp roster in the next 10 days.

"We're not looking to bring apples and make oranges," the Detroit Red



Team Canada's 2010 Men's Olympic hockey head coach Mike Babcock poses for a photo op with his assistant coaches Jacques Lemaire, Lindy Ruff and Ken Hitchcock Thursday in Montreal.

Wings head coach said in a conference call yesterday. "We're going to bring the guys who do on a regular basis what we expect the Canadian Olympic team to do."

Babcock sat down with assistant coaches Ken

Hitchcock, Lindy Ruff and Jacques Lemaire on Wednesday night and reviewed a list of selection camp candidates assembled by general manager Steve Yzerman over the past season.

Some of the hardest deci-

sions will be down the middle. Sidney Crosby, Mike Richards, Vincent Lecavalier, Joe Thornton, Eric Staal, Ryan Getzlaf and Marc Savard are just the beginning of the star-studded list of centre-ice talent.

But Babcock said he

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won't hesitate to pick more centres and have them play out of their natural position.

"Steve (Yzerman) played on the wing in 2002 and he was a centre his whole life," Babcock said. "Good players just play the game and understand how it should be played."

While there will be plenty of emphasis placed on the summer camp, the staff will spend the first part of 2009-10 evaluating players, particularly younger ones.

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Memphis took Connecticut centre Hasheem Thabeet at No. 2.

Toronto made Southern California guard DeMar DeRozan the ninth pick. Earlier, the New Jersey Nets dealt former Raptor Vince Carter and Ryan Anderson to the Orlando Magic for Rafer Alston, Courtney Lee and Tony Battie.

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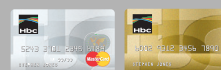
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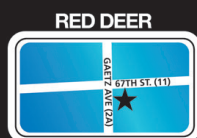
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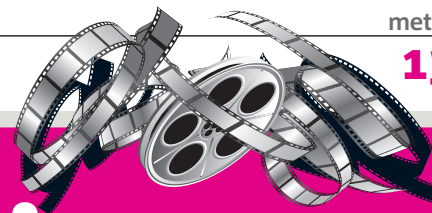


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*My Sister's Keeper* has only one goal: To make you cry.

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## Movie feature

Johnny Depp doesn't know what time it is. Though he technically calls an adorable village in France home and owns an island in the Caribbean, the mercurial actor spends so much time working that his internal clock is all out of whack.

"I've been on location for so long that I don't know what time zone I'm in. I could be in Puerto Rico at the moment," he says before adding with a thoughtful grin, "I still sort of am."

Depp has made a career out of embodying larger-than-life characters, making oddballs completely relatable. He has a surprisingly low number of turkeys on his packed resume from the last 25 years.

For every The Ninth Gate or Don Juan Demarco, there are plenty of films like Donnie Brasco, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas and What's Eating Gilbert Grape — and that's even before getting into his work with Tim Burton.

"Most people when they



Johnny Depp plays larger-than-life criminal John Dillinger in Public Enemies.

hear Tim give me direction or we're talking about the character on the set, people are baffled, completely befuddled," Depp says of the director he's worked with on some of his most famous roles.

They're working again now, too, on Burton's take on Alice in Wonderland, in which Depp plays the Mad Hatter.

In his latest film, Public Enemies — out next week — Depp takes on the iconic role of celebrity outlaw John Dillinger, someone he found he could easily relate to.

"Dillinger was handed the ball and he just ran with it, which isn't any different than what happened to me a very long time ago," Depp explains. "You're handed the ball,

and you go as far as you can go until somebody says, 'Alright, Kid, you're done. Get off the ride.'"

But that doesn't seem like it will happen any time soon for Depp, not with Alice coming down the pike, plus talk about a fourth Pirates of the Caribbean film. The suc-

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cess he's enjoyed has been immense — there is that private island, after all — but it has its draw backs.

For instance, he can't exactly go wherever he wants without getting noticed. But Depp accepts the necessity of it. "I suppose the alternative is the real drag, that if there's no attention then the job goes away," he says reflectively.

Still, there must be some things he'd like to do that he can't at his level of celebrity.

"I'd walk through Disneyland with my kids. I'd go on every ride," he admits.

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# Sister's Keeper a crying shame

**My Sister's Keeper**

**Director:** Nick Cassavetes  
**Stars:** Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin  
**Classification:** PG  
**Rating:** ●●●

**NED EHRBAR**  
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**Nick Cassavetes' latest film is a cold, unfeeling tear-jerking machine, unrelenting in its quest to make you reach for the tissues. It pushes every button it can think of to get the waterworks going, not because the emotion of the story demands it, but because watching a movie like this, you're just supposed to be crying.**

The story is a tricky one, a complex tale of sacrifice and compromise in the

face of terminal disease. After finding out their second child (newcomer Sofia Vassilieva) has a rare form of leukemia, a couple (Cameron Diaz and Jason Patric) make the controversial decision to have another child (Abigail Breslin), a "donor child," in an effort to keep the other alive.

And it works, but requires the youngest to endure multiple operations, bone marrow extracts and hospital stays. At age 11, after being asked for a kidney, she says enough is enough and hires a lawyer (Alec Baldwin) to sue for medical emancipation.

The real tragedy is that's some meaty subject matter that could make for very compelling, multilayered storytelling exploring the

complexities of the situation. But that's not what we get. Instead, we get a relentless tear-jerking machine.

The focus here is on the family, naturally, but it's too splayed. Every character — including Baldwin — gets a chance to narrate, just so the audience doesn't miss a single nuance that a better movie would have managed to communicate without resorting to six or seven narrators.

The whole mess is framed by Vassilieva going through a book of collages she's made of her life — which would've been a neat framing device, except the movie proceeds to flit around through time with no way of telling the audience they've just jumped, say, two years



Cameron Diaz, left, and Abigail Breslin star in My Sister's Keeper.

back. By the time you figure out where a scene fits in the chronology, the next one has already started.

It's tough to fault Diaz, Baldwin, Patric or any of the young actors involved. They all try valiantly to make the best of it, but the material is working against them. What could have been poignant and complex comes off shrill, saccharine and cynical.

• For My Sister's Keeper photos, a trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets visit [metronews.ca/movies](http://metronews.ca/movies).

## Watchmen headed to theatres again

**SCREENINGS** The director's cut of Watchmen, featuring an additional 25 minutes of footage and the death of a supporting character, will receive a limited theatrical rollout during the weekend ahead of its July 21 home-video release.

The superhero saga, which was considered to be a bit of a box office disappointment during its first go-round in March, will screen in Los Angeles, New York, Minneapolis and Dallas.

The rollout will culminate with a special screening July 25 at the Comic-Con International confab in San Diego, taking advantage of a Blu-ray Disc feature that will allow any viewer in North America to watch the movie at the same time as the audience at Comic-Con, see and hear director Zack Snyder comment on the movie, and even ask questions.

The screening will then be archived and will be able to be accessed for future viewings. "Comic-Con, it isn't just comic book fanatics, it's cinephiles as well. It'll be cool to discuss what people are thinking," Snyder said at a Watchmen press day Wednesday.

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## Music

## A little older and wiser

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"With the wives, out go the groupies," says Alexisonfire's lead screamer George Pettit, just days before the band released its fourth album *Young Cardinals/Old Crows*.

While the Hamilton-based vocalist sounds like he might be reassuring his wife that he'll be a good boy on the road, he's also expressing just how much the band has grown up in the eight years since it stormed MuchMusic's airwaves.

When the group first began touring in 2002 the band members were known as much for their hard partying ways as they were for their aggressive, hardcore-meets-emo sound. But now, close to a decade later, the band is older and wiser.

"We were kids when we wrote that first record," says Pettit. "Over time everything changes. We have this wealth of travel behind us, we've spent



Young Cardinals/Old Crows, the new album from Alexisonfire, was released this week.

years on the road living in a van, we have wives, houses and more adult responsibilities."

All that translates into less debauchery on the road, and that's fine with Pettit. "Those things are fun in their own right, but if you're into music strictly to screw groupies and get drunk, that's a very superficial reason to be involved."

"What keeps us here is not the wild lifestyle," he adds. "It's more about the spiritual journey that is

loving music and trying to have that never-ending thirst for new records."

Moving from fast living rockers to property tax paying husbands, can turn a once exciting act into a safer, watered down version of itself (see Gavin Rossdale, David Usher), but if anything, the opposite has happened with Alexisonfire.

The band's music is somewhat tamer than it used to be — Pettit's throaty yells have given way to almost scratchy

singing — but the music is more complex, and Dallas' smooth vocals are cleaner and catchier than ever before. It's easily the group's best album yet, and while some might miss the frantic, youthful energy, the more focused, thoughtful Alexis has created something that, finally, transcends the screamo tag.

"Screaming paints yourself into a corner," says Pettit. "I'd been trying new stuff in the jam space and when it came time to recording demos I just tried to see how many songs I could do with this type of vocals. It felt really good."

To get to where they wanted to be musically, the band had to make changes to more than just its sound. In the past members would rush through recording sessions, but this time they spent eight months writing.

"When I look back on our older records, if we thought about those songs for longer they would have turned out very differently," he explains.

## Forget the jokes: Jackson mattered

## SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Never mind the lurid allegations, the hyperbaric sleeping chambers, the plastic surgery and the dangling babies. Here's how we should remember Michael Jackson: First, people forget that the *Thriller* album essentially saved the recording industry when it was released in 1982. Suffering from the double whammy of the post-disco sales depression and a brutal recession, *Thriller* almost single-handedly resurrected the music industry.

Sure, it sold somewhere north of 50 million copies on its own, but its real value lay in the fact that it got people into record stores again where they bought it — and one or two other albums. It went a long way towards pulling the entire industry out of desperate doldrums.

*Thriller* was also sprung upon the public at the same time as the compact disc. Because Quincy Jones' production was so tight and crisp, CD copies of *Thriller* were used as demo discs for CD players, speakers and amplifiers. Who knows how

many billions' worth of gear was sold once people heard the opening drumbeat from *Billie Jean* coming off a CD?

Let's also not forget that Jackson broke the colour barrier on MTV. Before *Thriller*, MTV showed nothing but rock and pop videos featuring white faces. Initially, MTV refused to run the clip for *Billie Jean*. It wasn't until Walter Yentnikoff, president of CBS, Michael's record company, threatened to pull every artist on their roster from the young channel that they relented. Had it not been for the power of Michael Jackson and *Thriller*, would MTV have become the same cultural monster? And where would have people gone to learn about then-new artists such as Prince?

Speaking of videos, think about how Jackson furthered that art form; John Landis directed the 14 minute *Thriller* video; the morphing technology first seen in the clip for *Black or White*; the reported \$8 million US spent on the five minute video for *Scream* with his sister Janet. Let's therefore not focus on the tabloid stuff. The man did enough that we should remember him for the great groundbreaking talent he was.

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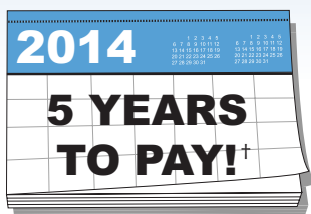
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Heading back to the air in a brand new setting, Rosie O'Donnell will be heard and not seen. The familiar TV face is launching her own daily, two-hour show for Sirius XM Radio this fall, to be called Rosie Radio. **PEOPLE.COM**

## Television



British musician Elvis Costello hosts CTV's Spectacle.

## Musical connections

Elvis Costello gets artists to open up on talk TV show Spectacle

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI  
for Metro Canada

**Elvis Costello wants you to know one thing — he's not a journalist.**

That's obvious of course, he's a legendary British musician who's been creating brilliant rock music since 1977,

but now that he hosts Spectacle, a talk TV show on CTV, some might mistake him as a newsman instead of a musician.

"Music journalists make assumptions about performers and their motivation because they stand outside of things," he says on the phone from New York. "These days in par-

ticular there's a problem of opinionating because everyone can publish now. I'm not interested in doing that."

Costello is more focused on how his guests make music and the challenges they've overcome. He asked Rufus Wainwright about being pegged as a gay musician and got Tony Bennett to reveal

Herbie Hancock, but I do understand the inside of it," he says. "So the willingness to open up is probably based on that. And I'm not trying fit their answer into a pre-conceived thesis about them."

This season Costello's guests have mostly been music stalwarts such as Lou Reed, Kris Kristofferson and James Taylor, but he has

record the younger acts, including Jenny Lewis, Wainwright and duo She & Him. While that's a pretty diverse list of performers, he does wish he could interview more newbies.

"Do I wish we could have more young artists? Yes, I wish we could," he says. "With them we base it more around musical performance because there's less to reflect on and those artists were less comfortable talking about their motivations."

While Costello says he "has a high regard" for all his guests, there was one interviewee this season that really stands out: Bill Clinton. "For him to take an hour out of his wife's busy presidential campaign to talk about music was fantastic," he says. "It was a genial interview, it was relaxed. I didn't feel I missed an opportunity to grill him, because that's like getting into the ring with Muhammad Ali. And besides, I wasn't there to make myself look clever."

"I don't play piano like

He also jams with his guests, playing alongside the Police and Spectacle's co-producer Elton John. It's likely he'll perform with Smokey Robinson on the last episode of the season, which airs tonight.

The renowned guitarist, and husband to Canadian jazz musician Diana Krall, says it would be strange if he didn't sing on the show. "If I set myself up as a chat show host, or the new king of late night, that would be different," he explains. "I'd be taking up a new career, but I'm not. I'm speaking as a musician to another musician."

Being an artist is, says Costello, a major asset for the job. He explains that he can connect with his guests on a level that other non-musician interviews can't because he knows the job from "the inside."

## Oscar's new best-picture rule

**FILM** If ever there were a time that the town needed a jolt of adrenaline, Wednesday was it — but from, of all places, the staid, mostly predictable Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences?

What everyone thought would be another sleepy announcement about an arcane rule change in the documentary or foreign language category turned into the headline of the day — opening up the Oscar race to 10 best picture nominees.

The rationale is not that hard to fathom: The awards telecast has been dwindling in the ratings for a decade;

at the same time, folks have been carping about the tilt of the noms — too arty, too downbeat, too too — or the exclusion of comedies or the relegation of animation to its own category. Some had even hazarded aloud that, of all things, the Golden Globes were the guys with the right idea, even if their 10 best pic noms are bifurcated by genre.

So with one masterstroke, all the goal posts have been shifted. "I think (Academy president) Sid Ganis has a great marketing mind and that this is a brilliant move," media consultant Michael Levine said. **REUTERS**

## FRIDAY

ED	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
6/26/09	2 CFRN	239 318	etalk	Hollywood	Spectacle: Elvis	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Castle "Nanny McDeed"	News (N)				
	3 KHQ	- 370	News (N)	De-Millonaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	The Chopping Block (N)	Dateline NBC				
	4 CBXT	- 307	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Force	Laughs	Wild Roses (DVS)	CBC News: The National	The Hour			
	6 KREM	- 372	News (N)	Hollywood	The Doctors	Out There	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	(10:01) Flashpoint	NUMB3RS			
	7 CKEM	241 347	Law & Order: SVU		Out There	Out There	Virtuality (2009, Science Fiction)	Nikolaj Coster-Waldau.	Your City			
	8 CTV	240 339	ET Canada	Entertainment	(8:02) NUMB3RS	The Insider (N)	The Unit "Inside Out"	NCIS "Cover Story"	News Hour			
	13 KXLY	- 371	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Surviving Sub.	Goode Family	According-Jim			
	16 KAYU	- 373	The Simpsons	Raymond	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	Virtuality (2009, Science Fiction)	Nikolaj Coster-Waldau.	News (N)			
	19 CHTV	-	The Insider (N)	E News	Anna Nicole Smith: THS	Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS	Being Served	Monty Python	
	22 KSPS	- 374	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	CBC News: The National	CBC News: the fifth estate	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	
	54 CTVN	501 391	CTV News Tonight	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	
	20 TSN	400 400	(5) 2009 NHL Entry Draft	SportsCentre	Boxing Steve Mottor vs. Heriberto Ruiz.	Saturday Night Poker	Sportsnet Connected	Ult. Fighter				
	23 net	408 418	MLB Baseball	Heads-Up Poker								
	47 SPEED	417 406	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup Qualifying	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup Qualifying								
	94 SCORE	410 403	(6) WWE SmackDown!	(6) WWE SmackDown!								
	14 YTV	552 543	iCarly (N)	iCarly	SpongeBob SquarePants	The Penguins	SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	Family Biz			
	17 TREE	553 546	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Comfy Couch	Big & Small	Max & Ruby	Dragon	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-Lan	Go, Diego, Go!	
	45 FAM	557 541	Sonny Chance	Wizards-Place	Sonny Chance	Wizards-Place	Princess Protection Program (2009)					
	25 A&E	615 520	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	The Cleaner (HDTV)	The Cleaner (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	
	29 FOOD	603 561	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	American Loggers	MANswers	Doings Da Vinci		
	32 DISC	520 505	American Loggers	Machines of Malice	The Ninth Gate ** (1999, Drama)	Johnny Depp, Frank Langella, Lena Olin.						
	38 SPIKE	628 584	Any Given Sunday *** (1999, Drama)	Any Given Sunday *** (1999, Drama)	The X-Files: I Want to Believe (2008, Science Fiction)							
	43 SPACE	627 528	(6) Taken (DVS)	The Ninth Gate ** (1999, Suspense)	TMZ	etalk	American Idol Extra					
	50 STAR	621 56	Live at the Rehearsal Hall	Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien								
	161 SUPER		Babylon A.D. * (2008, Science Fiction)									

## SATURDAY

ED	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
6/27/09	2 CFRN	239 318	Stompin' Tom in Live Concert	Law & Order: SVU	2009 MuchMusic Video Awards	Kings "Pilgrimage" (N)	Law & Order (HDTV)	Law & Order SVU				
	3 KHQ	- 370	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Da Vinci's City Hall (HDTV)	Intelligence (DVS)	Canadian Bacon				
	4 CBXT	- 307	The Nature of Things (N)	Foreclosure	Paid Program	Without a Trace (HDTV)	(10:01) Harper's Island (N)	48 Hr. Mystery				
	6 KREM	- 372	News (N)	Scrubs	Murdoch Mysteries	Miss Castaway and the Island Girls ** (2004, Comedy)	Doc	The City Show				
	7 CKEM	241 347	Without a Trace	Alfred Hitchcock								
	8 CTV	240 339	A Wrinkle in Time ** (2003, Adventure)	Entertainment Tonight	Wipeout (HDTV)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	News (N)				
	13 KXLY	- 371	News	The Insider (N)	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	Gospel of Deceit (2006, Suspense)	Alexandra Paul.				
	16 KAYU	- 373	House "Histories"	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Time Goes By	Gospel of Deceit (2006, Suspense)	Alexandra Paul.				
	19 CHTV	-	Out There	E News	Doc Zone	CTV News	Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone	
	22 KSPS	- 374	The Lawrence Welk Show	Jack Benny	Time Goes By		News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	
	15 CBN	502	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone	CTV News	Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone	
	54 CTVN	501 391	CTV News Weekend	News	CTV News		News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	
	20 TSN	400 400	(6) IndyCar Racing SunTrust Indy Challenge.									
	23 net	408 418	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at New York Mets. (HDTV) From Cit									
	47 SPEED	417 406	NASCAR	On the Edge	AMA Pro Racing	AMA Pro Racing: Motocross	SportsCentre	Boxing Contender Fight Night. (HDTV)	Sportsnet Con.			
	94 SCORE	410 403	Horse Racing	AMA Pro Racing	Soccer UEFA U-21 Championship Semifinal -- Teams TBA.							
	14 YTV	552 543	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	
	17 TREE	553 546	Bucket-Dinos	Toopy & Binoo	Comfy Couch	Little Bear	Toy Castle	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-Lan	Go, Diego, Go!	
	45 FAM	557 541	Natural-Sadie	Latest Buzz	That's Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han, Montana	Stepmom ** (1998, Drama), Ed Harris			
	25 A&E	615 520	(6) Independence Day *** (1996, Science Fiction)	Kitchen Nightmares	One Way Out	Guinea Pig	The Cleaner (HDTV)	Independence Day (1996, Science Fiction)	Challenge	Dear Food Net.		
	29 FOOD	603 561	Dear Food Network	Deadliest Catch	One Way Out	Guinea Pig	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Deadliest Catch	Destroyed		
	32 DISC	520 505	Deadliest Catch	4th and Long (HDTV)	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	The Quick and the Dead ** (1995, Western)				
	38 SPIKE	628 584	Batman *** (1989, Action) Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton.									
	43 SPACE	627 528	Blush: Make-Up Artist	Canada's Next Top Model	Paris Hilton's My New BFF	TMZ	Death					
	50 STAR	621 56	Mutant Chronicles * (2008, Action)	Thomas Jane.	Feast of Love ** (2007, Drama)							
	161 SUPER											

## SUNDAY

ED	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
6/28/09	2 CFRN	239 318	Corner Gas	Degrassi: TNG	Law & Order: SVU	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)
	3 KHQ	- 370	News	Paid Program	Dateline NBC	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (HDTV) (N)
	4 CBXT	- 307	Heartland (HDTV) (DVS)	Bon Cop, Bad Cop (2006, Comedy)	60 Minutes	Million Dollar Passport	Colm Foe.	Cold Case "Pin Up Girl"	Royal Pains	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	6 KREM	- 372	News (N)	Friends	Hates Chris	Kings	The Simpsons	Bob & Doug	Extreme Makeover: Home	Impact (2008, Action) Natasha Henstridge.	Family Guy	American Dad
	7 CKEM	241 347	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	King of the Hill	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Extreme Makeover: Home	Impact (2008, Action) Natasha Henstridge.	Family Guy	American Dad
	8 CTV	240 339	Basketball: Hoopfest	King of the Hill	American Dad	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Extreme Makeover: Home	Impact (2008, Action) Natasha Henstridge.	Family Guy	American Dad
	13 KXLY	- 371	House "Detox"	Inside Hollywood	Nature (HDTV) (DVS)	Shock Wave Surviving the next quake!sunami.	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Shock Wave	West Coast	MI-5		
	16 KAYU	- 373	House "Detox"	Inside Hollywood	Nature (HDTV) (DVS)	Shock Wave Surviving the next quake!sunami.	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Shock Wave	West Coast	MI-5		
	19 CHTV	-	Inside Hollywood	Inside Hollywood	Nature (HDTV) (DVS)	Shock Wave Surviving the next quake!sunami.	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Shock Wave	West Coast	MI-5		
	22 KSPS	- 374	Lark Rise to Candleford	Nature (HDTV) (DVS)	Shock Wave Surviving the next quake!sunami.	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Shock Wave	West Coast	MI-5			
	15 CBN	502	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	
	54 CTVN	501 391	CTV News Weekend	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	CTV News	
	20 TSN	400 400	Nike Golf Invitational	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	Boxing Chad Dawson vs. Antonio Tarver. (HDTV)							
	23 net	408 418	(6) MLB Baseball New York Yankees at New York Mets.									
	47 SPEED	417 406	Wind Tunnel-Despain	Pink's -- All Out (HDTV)	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	
	94 SCORE	410 403	Strikeforce	Pink's -- All Out (HDTV)	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	
	14 YTV	552 543	The Great Outdoors ** (1988, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd.	Basketball: Hoopfest	King of the Hill	American Dad	The Simpsons	Bob & Doug	Extreme Makeover: Home	Impact (2008, Action) Natasha Henstridge.	Family Guy	American Dad
	17 TREE	553 546	Friend Rabbit	Miss Spider	Bucket-Dinos	Toy Castle	Life Derek	Han, Montana	Stepmom ** (1998, Drama), Ed Harris			
	45 FAM	557 541	Natural-Sadie	Latest Buzz	That's Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han, Montana	Stepmom ** (1998, Drama), Ed Harris			
	25 A&E	615 520	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	HammerTime	HammerTime	Gene Simmons Family Jewels	Jamie Oliver's Ministry	Jamie Oliver's Ministry	Jamie Oliver's Ministry	Jamie Oliver's Ministry	
	29 FOOD	603 561	Iron Chef America	MythBusters	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	
	32 DISC	520 505	Dirty Jobs (N)	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	
	38 SPIKE	628 584	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	Jesse James is a Dead Man	
	43 SPACE	627 528	Batman Forever ** (1995, Action)	Val Kilmer, Tommy Lee Jones, Jim Carrey.	(9:40) Batman & Robin ** (1997, Action), George Clooney							
	50 STAR	621 56	Death	Look-A-Like	Girl Next Door	Naked	Sex Scandals of the Stars	Canada's Next Top Model	Girl Next Door			
	161 SUPER		The Closer "Live Wire"	Burn Notice "End Run"	Trust Me (HDTV)							





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## Entertainment

# An angel in life dies, 62

## Farrah Fawcett succumbs after long battle with cancer

Actress Farrah Fawcett, the Charlie's Angels television star whose big smile and feathered blond mane made her one of the reigning sex symbols of the 1970s, died on Thursday after a long battle with cancer. She was 62.

Fawcett, first vaulted to stardom by an alluring poster of her in a red swimsuit, was diagnosed with anal cancer in late 2006. It spread to her liver in 2007, proving resistant to numerous medical treatments in Germany and California.

"After a long and brave battle with cancer, our beloved Farrah has passed away," Fawcett's long time companion, actor Ryan O'Neal, said in a statement.

"Although this is an extremely difficult time for her family and friends, we take comfort in the beautiful times that we shared with Farrah over the years and the knowledge that her life brought joy to so many people around the world."

Fawcett's death in a Los Angeles hospital came just six weeks after the TV broadcast in May of a video diary she made chronicling her battle with cancer and her final months.

Called Farrah's Story, the documentary was effectively a self-penned obituary by the actress, who was bedridden and had lost her famous hair by the time it was shown.



Farrah Fawcett.

O'Neal said she had wanted to tell her story on her own terms.

Fawcett, born Feb. 2, 1947, in Corpus Christi, Texas, was an art student in college before she began modelling, appearing in shampoo ads.

She started guest-starring on TV in the late 1960s and appeared on the television hit The Six Million Dollar Man after marrying the show's star, Lee Majors, in 1974. The couple divorced in the early 1980s.

**ANGEL CULTURE**

Fawcett's career took off thanks to a poster of her posing flirtatiously with a brilliant smile in a red one-piece bathing suit. It sold millions of copies and led to her being cast in 1976 in Charlie's Angels, an action show about three beautiful, strong women private detectives.

As the tanned and glamorous Jill Munroe — part of a trio that included Jaclyn Smith and Kate Jackson — Fawcett was the hit show's most talked-about star.

### SERIOUS ROLES

While Fawcett's early career was marked by lightweight roles, the actress sought to play down her sex symbol image in more challenging dramas in the '80s.

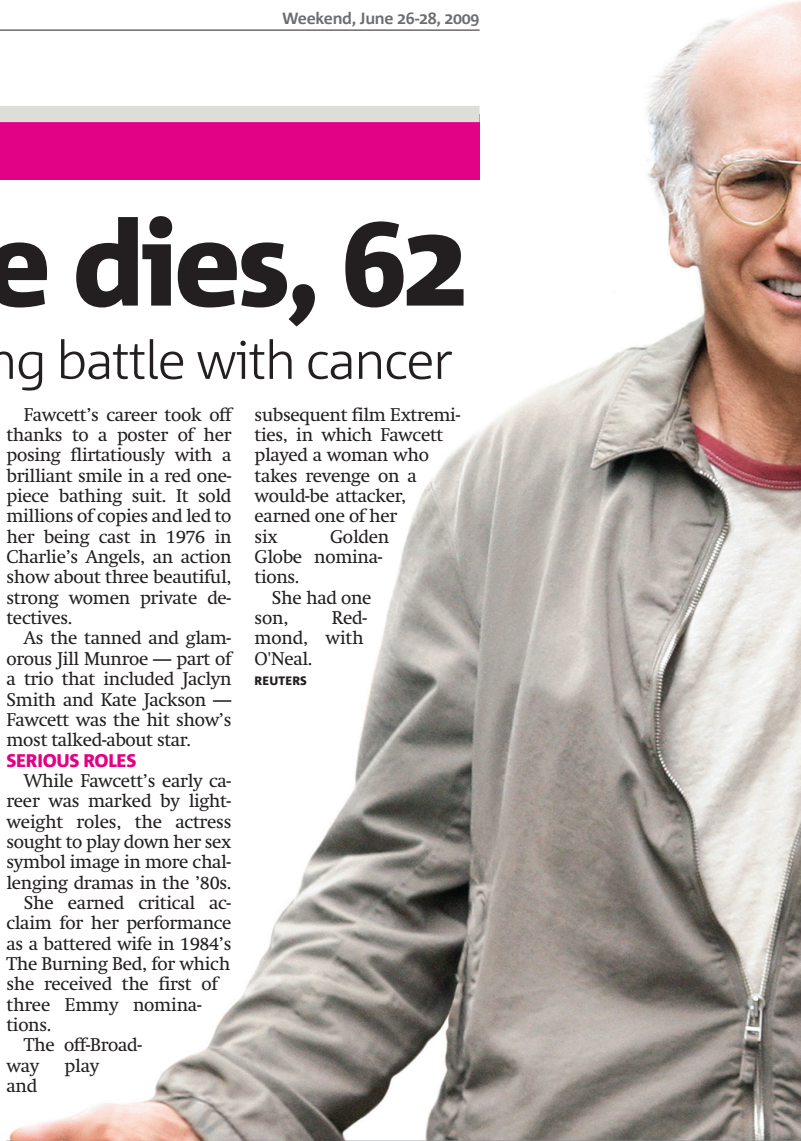
She earned critical acclaim for her performance as a battered wife in 1984's The Burning Bed, for which she received the first of three Emmy nominations.

The off-Broadway play and

subsequent film Extremities, in which Fawcett played a woman who takes revenge on a would-be attacker, earned one of her six Golden Globe nominations.

She had one son, Redmond, with O'Neal.

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## Mix of Six

### Brazilian Nights with Jocyé Morales

Friday 7:30  
McLab Theatre (9828 – 101 Avenue)

Opening of the Edmonton International Jazz Festival with an influential Brazilian vocalist, who has recorded more than 21 albums.

### Robot Love

Friday 9 p.m.  
Circles (9554 – 111 Avenue)

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### June Critical Mass

Friday 5:30  
City Hall (1 Winston Churchill Square)

A massive gathering of cy-

cling enthusiasts will meet in the city's centre for a long group ride.

### SNFU

Friday  
New City Suburbs (10081 Jasper Avenue)

The iconic punk band makes a stop in Edmonton before heading off on a European tour.

### Les Claypool

Saturday 7 p.m.  
Edmonton Event Centre (West Edmonton Mall)

Touring for his new album Fungi and Foe, Claypool comes to Edmonton with special guest Odeath.

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## Entertainment

# Whatever Works

a new comedy

IN THEATRES JUNE 26



will.i.am, right, is now acquainted with the world of beefs in the R&B community, something Beyoncé is well acquainted with.

## Beefs common in R&B

**MALCOLM VENABLE**  
Metro World News



**FIGHTS** On Keri Hilson's song 'Turnin' Me On,' she suggests she's been ghost-writing for another artist, and tells an unnamed foe to move "to the left." When the song came out a few months ago, a giddy blogosphere responded with a collective "aw snap!" as she showed her claws; Hilson, it seemed, had released a diss record.

Even though it set off

only a minor furor and a yawn (mostly because she seemed to be referencing Ciara and/or Beyoncé but, when pressed, said she wasn't) Hilson had the dubious distinction of becoming the latest singer to engage in the uncharted sport of R&B beef.

Of course, we all know hip-hop beefs. Yet as hip-hop has moved into the realm of pop/dance music, its ethos that you must always stomp out your enemies in song seems to have trickled down to a crop of young (and apparently gangsta) singers.

The list of R&B beefs has grown to staggering, if not laughable heights: Usher has taken shots at Chris Brown. Ne-Yo and Trey Songz had a spat. Etta James dissed Beyoncé. Mariah Carey's song Obsessed takes shots at Eminem. Jamie Foxx and Terrence Howard got into a feud after Howard dissed Foxx's music.

And we can't ignore how ridiculous the Black Eyed Peas' spat with blogger Perez Hilton was earlier this week.

Naturally, some rivalry among entertainers is to be

expected. Yet the general reaction among the people hearing beefs unfold is that there's something fundamentally absurd — so West Side Story — about seeing song and dance singers squabble.

"It's ridiculous to think of guys and girls singing about love and tenderness who dance in choreographed motions as tough," says Rashaun Hall, an entertainment journalist who has worked at Billboard and MTV News before launching his own blog, rashaunhall.wordpress.com.

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Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

### 1 will.i.am

**MUSICIAN** It's shaping up to be a great summer for the artist. First, he scored a massive hit with the new Black Eyed Peas album *The E.N.D.* Then, he bagged an even bigger smash with his latest war-of-words with Perez Hilton. God knows if will.i.am's manager actually assaulted the celeb blogger but we all know who everyone's rooting for.



### 2 Major Lazer

**ALBUM** If you are a thinking-Jamaica-going-downtown kind of person, this might just turn out to be the soundtrack of your summer. Indie mixmasters Diplo and Switch take the sun-friendly genres of dub and dancehall and mash it up with urban sounds to create a wildly raucous album that can get any porch party swinging.

### 3 David Lynch

**ARTIST** The king of cinematic curveballs turns to music — not one album, but two. First came *Dark Night of the Soul*, a collaboration with cult musicians Danger Mouse and Sparklehorse. Now there's word that he is a lyricist and producer for the upcoming Fox *Bat Strategy*, a tribute album for a musician who worked on Lynch's groundbreaking TV series *Twin Peaks*.

### 4 Intro to The Beatles Rock Band

**VIDEO** The wait for this fall's magical mystery tour just got a little tougher, thanks to this jaw-dropping promo for arguably the year's most hotly anticipated game. Check out thebeatlesrockband.com/cinematic.php

### 5 Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

**FILM** OK, the reviews are uniformly bad. But, look at the upside: Plenty of Michael Bay-approved CGI and more of your favourite bots.

### 6 Confessions of a Shopaholic

**DVD** Recession cramping your style? Get some retail therapy with the film version of the Sophie Kinsella bestseller, starring Isla Fisher as the swipec-happy New Yorker.

### 7 Non-fiction

**BOOK** Why Your World Is About To Get A Whole Lot Smaller, by Jeff Rubin gets back to the basics: Oil and how dwindling supplies will zap our SUVs and five-bedroom bungalows to nothing.





Actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers has reportedly been arrested for hitting a waiter at a bar in Charles de Gaulle airport, according to AFP. Meyers, who is fresh out of rehab for alcohol, will appear in a Paris court in September. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Meyers in hot water**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Beyoncé's first family fans

**FAMOUS FANS** Beyoncé had some special guests at her concert in Washington, D.C., usmagazine.com reports.

Michelle Obama brought daughters Malia and Sasha — along with her friends from Chicago and some of her White House staff — to the singer's show at the Verizon Center Wednesday night.

Before she belted Single

Ladies (Put a Ring On It), Beyoncé gave a shout-out to the first daughters, the Washington Post reports.

"This is for Sasha and Malia — and all my single ladies!" she said.

This isn't the first time Bey-

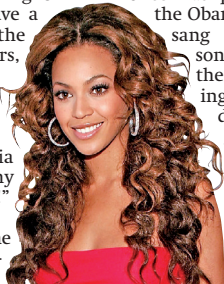
oncé has performed for the Obama family. She sang the classic song, At Last, for the Obamas during their first dance on inauguration night in January.

Shortly after the inauguration festivities, Beyoncé told

Vogue magazine that Michelle considered her a role model for her girls.

"She told me she was very happy that her girls have someone like me to look up to," Beyoncé said. "And I'm like, 'Oh, my God.' You have to feel fortunate to be one of the people whom parents don't mind their children looking up to."

**METRO NEWS SERVICES**



# Angie's jealous side

**THREE'S A CROWD** Angelina Jolie may be completely happy with her life with Brad Pitt, but that doesn't mean she's OK with his ex-wife still getting in touch.

Jolie is reportedly peeved

about Jennifer Aniston's alleged habit of sending Pitt inspirational text messages and odd gifts to his production office.

Jolie has even warned Aniston to back off, according to the Daily Mirror.

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# Katy really loves pizza

**A REAL FOOD LOVER** Katy Perry set her fans' appetites racing recently when she posted a photo to her Twitter account of herself naked in a hotel bathtub, her body obscured by a tray holding a pizza. "Why is it

that after not eating for three days all I can think of is food," she wrote. "Food is smiling at me ... luring me with sexual seduction." The singer had been recuperating in Milan for three days after a bout of the flu.

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# Murder charges for Billy Bob's daughter

**TURN OF EVENTS** Billy Bob Thornton's daughter has been charged with first-degree murder, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Amanda Brumfield — who is estranged from her actor father — was also indicted on aggravated child abuse and aggravated manslaughter charges on

Wednesday, following the death of a one-year-old girl in her care in Florida last October.

The 29-year-old — who was charged with child neglect causing harm or disability earlier this month — was booked at the Orange County jail.

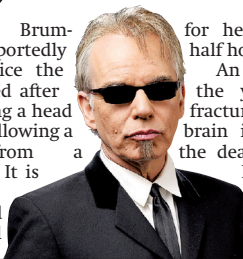
When she was initially

arrested, Brumfield reportedly told police the child died after sustaining a head injury following a fall from a playpen. It is alleged she did not call

for help for two-and-a-half hours.

An autopsy showed the youngster had a fractured skull and a brain injury, prompting the death to be ruled a homicide, the website adds.

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# Rachel asks for privacy

**PRIVATE PAIN** Rachel Hunter is begging the media leave her in peace as she comes to terms with her broken engagement.

The 39-year-old was due to marry Canadian hockey star Jarret Stoll, 27, in August, but he reportedly called off the wedding this week, without giving his bride-to-be any explanation.

Hunter's representative has confirmed the

breakup, and is asking the press to let the model cope outside of the spotlight.

A statement reads, "The August wedding of Rachel Hunter and Jarret Stoll has been cancelled and the couple have decided to split. We ask you (the media) to respect Rachel and her family's privacy during this extremely upsetting time."

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# Jackie O and Marlon Brando?

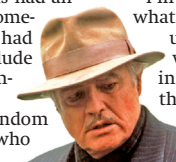
**SECRET TRYST?** A new book claims that actor Marlon Brando and former U.S. first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis had an affair in 1964, something Brando had wanted to include in his 1994 memoir.

But a Random House editor who

was friends with Kennedy encouraged him to leave the details out, according to Page Six.

"I'm not sure she knew what she was doing sexually, but she did it well," Brando wrote in an excerpt from the new book.

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## Jennifer takes a hit in recession

**CORPORATE SPEAK** Jennifer Lopez has been forced to halt production on her clothing line, Sweetface, according to E! News.

The company is putting a positive spin on it, though, saying the move is to "prepare to reintroduce the brand in the near future with new messaging points and an entirely new fashion point of view," a company rep said in a statement.

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# Professor Layton more than a game

KATHY BUCKWORTH  
for Metro Canada

**Until technology can auto-program Best Parenting Practices 2.0, Mom's lives will continue to be full of challenges, decisions, and judgments that can leave us frustrated, challenged and downright perplexed.**

Just once, it would be nice to solve a parenting puzzle and figure out the best way to move forward, and even find a prize at the end (which doesn't involve giving out a time out or contemplating boarding school).

Well, I think I've found the next best thing to help alleviate some of this pent-up frustration in not finding the "right" answer to every parenting challenge. It's an escape into a magical world where an enchanting village has an accompanying soundtrack of soft Paris-style café music, where one can meet charming gentlemen, and mingle with some upper-class ladies over tea. Oh, my kids have tried to go there with me ... but they can't. Because I'm the one holding the Nintendo DSi unit right now.

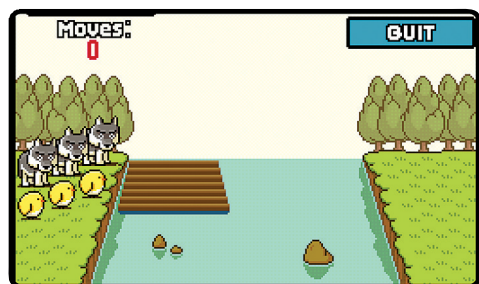
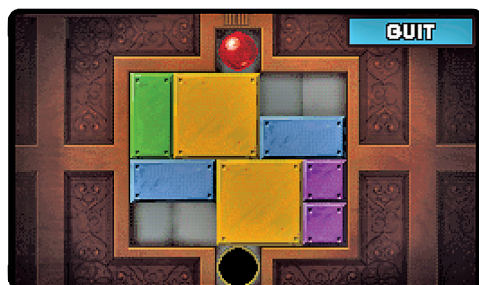
Professor Layton and the Curious Village is more than a game — it's a story, an experience, and a fresh relief from the day-to-day puzzles we face.

As I worked my way around the charming village of St. Mystere, I was asked to help the professor and his young charge solve some classic and some original brainteasers, in order to earn coins, find pieces of old paintings; even track down a cranky cat.

I was understandably reluctant to pass the DSi to my kids — I just figured out I need to open that blue door! Give it back! Ten more minutes! What's great about this game is that many of the brain-teasers can be redeployed on paper, for the kids to work on while I discover what's through the clock tower, and why that villager is so disagreeable.

Nintendo Canada's Matt Ryan says the game was developed with a family experience in mind.

"The puzzles in Professor Layton and the Curious Village can be solved by an individual but there is the



Professor Layton and the Curious Village gives Nintendo DSi players the chance to solve classic and original brainteasers.

opportunity to have fun as a group when you put your minds together," he says. "The characters are a laugh and the puzzles vary in difficulty ... don't worry, even if the whole family is stumped, you can use clues to help out."

There's the classic wolf/chick crossing the river game, silly riddles involving candles that are "left over" at the end, and even a match stick dead dog. What more could you want?

Of course, as a busy mom, I only get to play the game in short bursts of time — darn kids and their homework, needing to be fed, and bedtime — so I love the fact that my progress in the game is recapped every time I start it up. I also like the fact that — unlike human children and most adults — the people in the story only talk to you when

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Matt Ryan

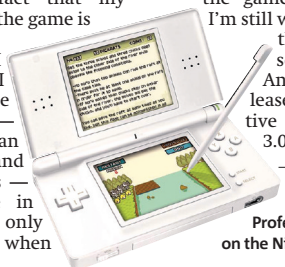
you tap them with the Nintendo pen. If only life could imitate this art.

My favourite puzzle so far has been the Bickering Brothers, whom I had to strategically place around a dinner table, with certain brothers only getting along with certain other brothers. I do this every night at the dinner table with my own four squabbling children, so I solved this one in no time flat. In the game, that is.

I'm still working on the real life solution.

And the release of Positive Parenting 3.0.

Solve puzzles with the Professor Layton on the Nintendo DSi.

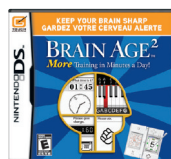


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**Friday**  
Some clouds  
21°C / 8°C

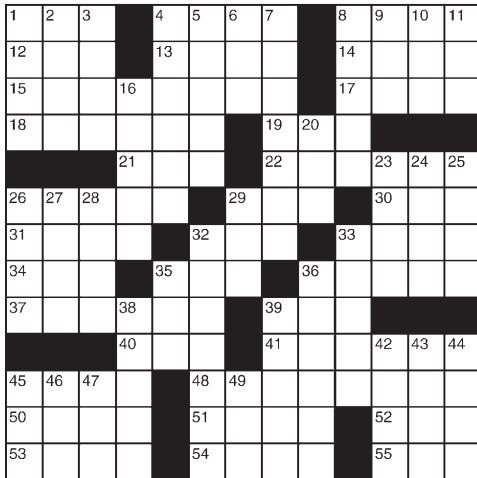


**Saturday**  
Some clouds  
23°C / 7°C



**Sunday**  
Light rain  
20°C / 9°C

## Take Five



### Crossword across

- 1 Totally dominate  
4 Right on the map?  
8 Liking a lot  
12 Shooter ammo  
13 Jubilation  
14 Disposition  
15 Where salmon go to spawn  
17 Motivate  
18 Gazing one  
19 Chart format  
21 "Guinness" Book suffix  
22 Transmission  
26 Rural buildings  
29 "No seats"  
30 Dress in  
31 Supplement-ed, with "out"  
32 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)  
33 — gin fizz  
34 Dead heat  
35 Happiness  
36 Public squabble  
37 "You betcha!"  
39 Spring mo.  
40 Smokestack output  
41 Shamelessly bold  
45 Dixieland music  
48 Entry on a team's schedule  
50 Bassoon's cousin  
51 Wine's aroma  
52 Yank  
53 Implement  
54 Active one  
55 Early bird?

### Crossword down

- 1 Piece of work  
2 Slobbered  
3 Houston acronym  
4 Exit  
5 On the qui vive  
6 Poseidon's realm  
7 Deep-fried recipe  
8 Urge  
9 Neither mate  
10 As well  
11 Peculiar  
16 Pollster's find  
20 Wall St. debut  
23 Between jobs  
24 Lunchtime, often  
25 Banjo supporter  
26 — carotene  
27 In the same family  
28 50-Across need  
29 Agent  
32 Rancher  
33 Raw-boned person  
35 Alcott book, "— Boys"  
36 More agile  
38 The Baxters' maid  
39 Humiliate  
42 Fill till full  
43 Complacent  
44 Safecracker  
45 Least bit  
46 Blood-group letters  
47 Menagerie  
49 Court

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



2	3	9	8	1	7	6	5	4
8	5	1	4	2	6	7	9	3
6	4	7	9	3	5	8	2	1
5	1	6	7	9	3	4	8	2
9	2	3	6	8	4	1	7	5
7	8	4	2	5	1	9	3	6
3	6	5	1	7	9	2	4	8
4	9	2	5	6	8	3	1	7
1	7	8	3	4	2	5	6	9

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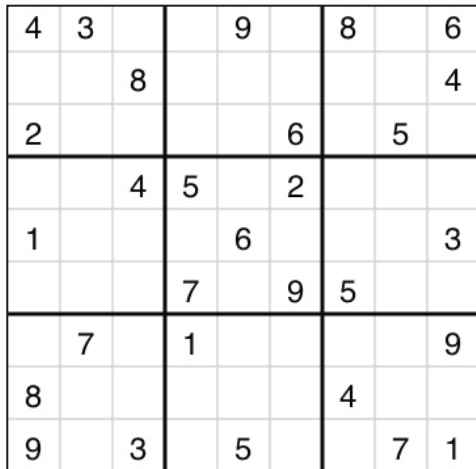
### SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min	.....Genius	17-21 min	.....Smart
13-17 min	.....Scholar	21-25 min	.....Not bad
		25+ min	.....Keep practising

## Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



## Metro Recipe of the Day



### Salmon with Tropical Fruit Salsa

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 4 salmon steaks  
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil

#### SALSA:

- 1 small mango  
1 small papaya  
1 in. (2.5 cm) piece fresh ginger  
Handful of mint leaves  
1 lime  
Salt and black pepper

#### METHOD:

- Preheat grill to moderate and cover rack with foil.
- For salsa, cut mango in half, remove flesh, dice finely and put into bowl. Cut papaya in half, scoop out and discard seeds, finely dice flesh and add to mango.
- Peel ginger and grate into bowl. Rinse, dry and chop mint and add to bowl.

- Wash wax off lime. Remove few shreds of zest for garnish. Grate the rest and add to salsa. Squeeze juice and add half to bowl, reserving remainder.
- Season salsa with salt and plenty of pepper; mix well.
- Put salmon steaks, skin sides down, onto foil on broiler rack. Brush with olive oil, season and sprinkle with remaining lime juice. Broil 6–8 minutes without turning. Fish is done when flesh flakes easily.
- Serve grilled salmon garnished with lime zest and accompanied by salsa.

### SERVES 4



## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20



The winds of fate may be blowing you here, there and everywhere at the moment but there is no need to panic.

### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23



You may have big plans for the next few months but as mind planet Mercury is at odds with Saturn today you are strongly advised to wait.

### TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21



Something you were barely half-hearted about yesterday will fill you with enthusiasm today. What a difference 24 hours makes.

### SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



You are not the sort to take much notice of alternative arguments but someone will give you some seriously good advice today.

### GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21



The more others say you need to act now the more likely it is they are thinking of their own needs rather than your own.

### SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



Not everything may be going your way at the moment but the world is still a beautiful place and there are still enough heroes to inspire you.

### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22



Give your imagination permission to roam and don't reject what it comes up with just because it seems so outrageous.

### CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20



You may have no solid evidence that someone is trying to cheat you but your instincts are screaming at you to be on your guard.

### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23



According to the planets you are very close to the tipping point, where one small adjustment or alteration somehow changes everything.

### AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



You may not be the world's best at working with other people but, like it or not, you are part of a team.

### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



The more someone points out your errors, the more likely it is they are trying to destroy your confidence — and the more determined you must be.

### PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20

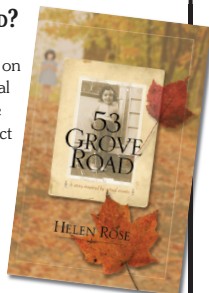


No matter what unfounded rumours a certain individual may have been spreading you must not bear a grudge.

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- Female chicken ballpoint (1)
- Tightly hold a receipt paper (1)
- Point the finger at renown (1)
- Damaged the psyche of a poet (1)
- Actress Holmes's pirate pals (2)
- Enjoying riding a two-wheeler (2)
- Baffles and confuses oafs or clodpates (3)

ANSWERS: 1. CHICKEN EGG 2. GRIP SLIP 3. BLAME FAKE 4. SCARRED BARD 5. KATHARS MATERS 6. LIVING BEING 7. FLUMMOXED LUMMOXES 8. KATHARS MATERS 9. GRIP SLIP 10. BLAME FAKE 11. SCARRED BARD



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